

NEWS BYTES

Your feed to Florida's Health IT Programs

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News Bytes strives to inform the health care community about Florida's Health Information Technology (Health IT) efforts. This publication contains the latest news, upcoming events, and helpful tips for participation in Florida's Health IT programs.

Upcoming Events

EHR Incentive Program

Meaningful Use Webinars

September 6th

3:00 PM Eastern

September 7th

10:00 AM Eastern

September 26th

12:00 PM Eastern

Meaningful Use Workshops for Eligible Professionals

September 13 in Ft. Pierce

9:00—11:00 AM Eastern

For more information, visit the [EHR web-site](#).

Visit the "Going Digital" Booth at the FOMA Mid-Year Conference

September 21-22 in Tampa

Direct Secure Messaging

Informational Webinars

September 6th

12:30-1:00 PM Eastern

September 10th

12:30-1:00 PM Eastern

September 13th

12:30-1:00 PM Eastern

September 17th

12:30-1:00 PM Eastern

September 20th

12:30-1:00 PM Eastern

September 24th

12:30-1:00 PM Eastern

September 27th

12:30-1:00 PM Eastern

For more information, visit the [Florida HIE website](#).

Signing Up for DSM is Now Easier Than Ever

Are you looking for an easier way to exchange protected health information (PHI)? The Florida Health Information Exchange's free messaging service, Direct Secure Messaging (DSM) offers users an easy and efficient way to exchange PHI with providers, health plans, and state agencies. DSM is a secure, encrypted email service that allows users to safely exchange messages and structured or unstructured attachments up to 10 MB. Documents can be uploaded from your EHR system and sent to other providers and documents you receive can be uploaded to a patient's electronic medical record.

Registering for DSM is simple and free. The new group registration process makes it easy for your organization to obtain accounts for multiple individuals at one time. If you are interested in signing your organization up for DSM, please visit the Florida HIE website at www.florida-hie.net, or contact Agency for Healthcare Administration staff at (850) 412-3766.

Please join Florida HIE staff for a webinar that will provide additional information on the benefits of DSM and explains how to register for this free and valuable service. The dates and times for the upcoming webinars are listed on the left.

Instructions for attending:

For the audio portion of the webinar attendees will need to call in on their telephone following these instructions:

Dial in on the toll free number **1-866-633-8813**.

When prompted press 1, then enter the meeting code of **0981**, followed by the # key

For the visual portion of the webinar attendees will need to follow these instructions:

Click on the link: <http://meetingplace.harris.com>

Fill in the Meeting ID field with the number **0981** then click Attend Meeting.

Fill in the **My Name is** field then click Attend Meeting. Accept any security warning you receive and wait for the meeting room to initialize.

NOTE: You will be prompted to perform a quick browser test prior to attending your first web conference.



Confused by Meaningful Use?

Have you heard the terms “core measure” and “menu measure” and you are not sure what they mean? Did you get an incentive payment last year and are not sure what the next step is? Are you unsure where to find your meaningful use report or even that you have a meaningful use report? There is help. It is local, it is tailored to your needs and, in most cases, it is free!

Regional Extension Centers (RECs) assist eligible providers in navigating the meaningful use maze. RECs offer technical assistance, guidance, and information to support and accelerate health care providers’ efforts to achieve meaningful use. Services include helping providers understand the meaningful use measures and determining compliance or identifying areas for improvement in meeting the measures. They can assist providers with completing the state application for attestation and preparing the practice for sustained meaningful use.

If you are not already working with a REC -- help is only a phone call away.

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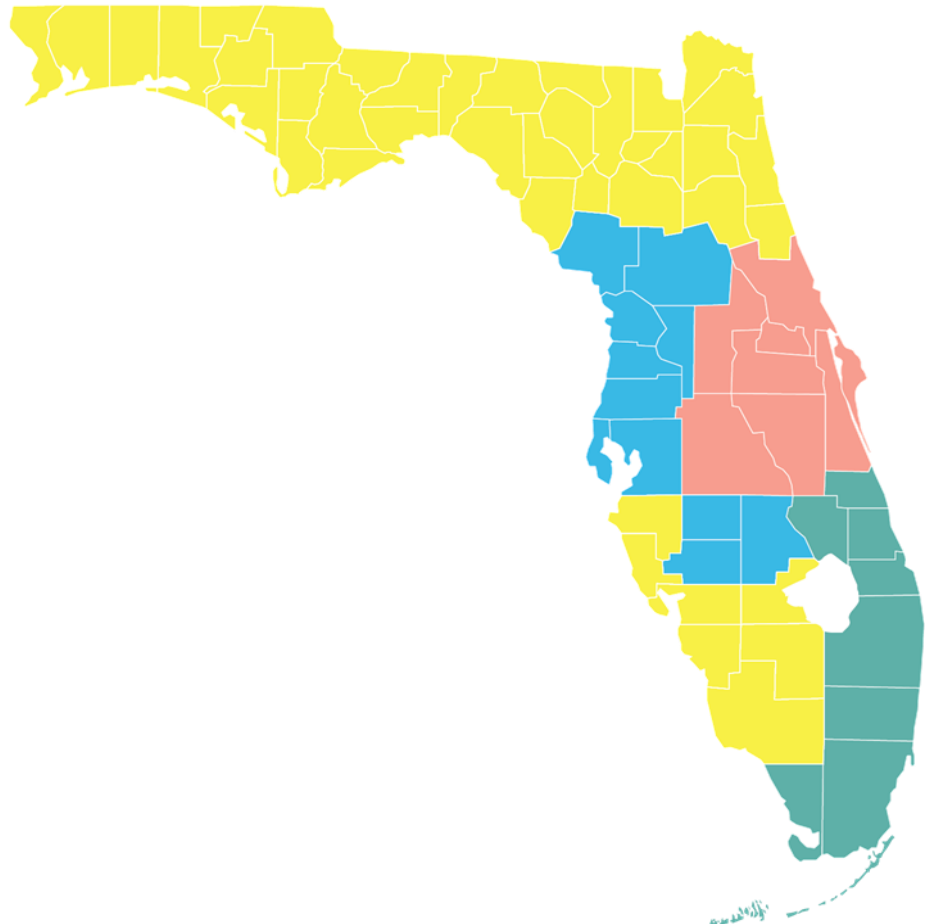
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Stage Two Requirements Have Been Released

While there will be some policy changes occurring in 2013, Stage Two does not officially begin until 1/1/2014 for eligible professionals and 10/1/2013 (to attest in 2014) for eligible hospitals. Stay tuned for more information on Stage Two requirements and what action you need to take to continue being a meaningful

Stage One Meaningful Use—What You Need To Know

We have received great feedback from our summer series of Meaningful Use (MU) provider workshops and webinars and plan on continuing our educational efforts through September. All upcoming educational sessions will be posted on [AHCA's EHR Website](#). As a result of the questions and comments received, we have compiled the following "Things to Know":

1. MU is based on the individual provider. Each practitioner should sign in under their own login information so that the electronic health record (EHR) system can capture the necessary information for demonstrating meaningful use for each individual provider. Group measure information or measure information specific to another practitioner is NOT ACCEPTABLE in attesting to Meaningful Use.
2. If you are SWITCHING from participating in the Medicare Program to the Medicaid Incentive Program, you must attest to the full calendar year of MU for your initial Medicaid program payment. Once a provider has attested to 90 days of MU (as was required for the initial Medicare payment), the next required reporting period will be 365 days, regardless of the program in which you are participating. The total amount of payments you could receive from a combination of programs will not exceed the Medicaid program maximum amount of \$63,750.
3. Your MU Measure Report produced by your EHR must contain information on all numerator/denominator required measures, including the clinical quality measures. Providers are encouraged to run a MU report to determine that:
 - i. You have access to the MU information
 - ii. You are meeting the thresholds established for each measure
 - iii. The report has all the information necessary

Please note that if you do not have a concise MU report, it is acceptable for the information to be compiled from other sources such as screenshots of dashboard reports.

4. The ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION (AD) FORM should be completed for each provider attesting to MU. Section A should be completed for each location (with the exception of inpatient and emergency room settings) that the provider practices, even if each location shares the same EHR system.



Update on Menu Measure #9—Immunization Registry

In the July issue, we provided information for those providers choosing menu measure #9 – Submitting Data to the Immunization Registry. We have continued to work with Florida Shots (FL Shots) and have received the following additional information.

- Providers can call or write the FL Shots Help Desk for written confirmation of immunization batch submissions. This confirmation should be uploaded as part of the application. The time and date of the batch submission will be entered into the application itself.
- For those providers performing an initial test, the documentation from FL Shots regarding the status of the test should be uploaded as part of the application. The measure requires that a test be performed. It does not require that the test be successful.
- Providers have the option of claiming an exclusion due to inability to submit a test file. CMS has stated that a provider’s inability to test with an established registry qualifies for the exclusion of “where no immunization registry has the capacity to receive the information electronically.” To claim this exclusion providers must have established an account with FL Shots and provide a copy of the account log-in page with their application. This will provide assurance that the provider has made every effort to meet the requirements of this measure but cannot complete testing (e.g. waiting list). Additional documentation explaining why testing cannot be completed should also be included.
- An exclusion can also be claimed if the provider gave no immunizations within the 90 day MU reporting period.

Start Early!

Providers are encouraged to start the process of testing with FL SHOTS early. If you are just now installing your system, initiate the process as soon as installation is complete, as the process takes time.

Practices must initially complete an application for an account with FL SHOTS. This application can be completed online or printed and faxed. FL SHOTS will send a notification of the account information and password within a few days of receiving the application. Only one application is needed per practice.

Once an account is established, the practice should notify FL SHOTS of their intent to establish an uploading connection. Once this notification is made, the data team will contact the practice to assist with establishing a secure FTP (sFTP) connection with the Department of Health (DOH) in order to send test files.

For more information about FL Shots or to obtain required documentation, call the FL Shots help desk at 1-877-888-SHOT (7468), send an email to flshots@doh.state.fl.us, or visit their website at www.flshots.com. Refer to our FAQs for further information.

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